READY TO SOLVE MEDICAL MYSTERIES?

If you said yes, you could be on your way to empowering the medical profession and improving patient care as a cellular detective—better known as a pathologist.

Why choose a pathology career?

Ask any member of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) why they entered the field, and you’ll likely hear reasons like these:

- It’s challenging and rewarding. Every day, pathologists draw on their extensive medical knowledge to identify and diagnose disease processes that help determine the management and care for patients.
- There’s a great work-life balance—No other specialty offers such a flexible schedule with possibilities for a well-blended lifestyle.
- Cutting-edge tools and AI—Pathology is leading the evolution of modern medicine through genomics, digital pathology, and AI/machine learning.
- You work with a multidisciplinary team.
- You contribute to advancements in science and medicine.
- As part of the diagnostic team, you’ll work with other pathologists, physicians, and in many cases, directly with patients.
- You’ll find a diverse field of opportunities in academic research, private practice, biotech industries, teaching, and more.

Fast facts on pathologists

This dynamic and growing speciality has much to offer.

- **$316k** Average annual pathologist salary
  (2021 Medscape Physician Compensation Report)
- **11** Subspecialties in pathology
- **49.2** Average pathologist hourly workweek
  (2019 Medscape Physician Compensation Report)
- **45.5%** Practices looking to hire pathologists
  (2019 CAP Practice Leader Survey)
- **Workplace Happiness**
  Pathology is consistently among the top specialties for workplace happiness and among the lowest for burnout.
  (2018 AMA Survey)

See what it’s all about

You can get a first-hand account of what it’s like to be a pathologist—and learn more about the value of pathology as a medical specialty—through the CAP Medical Student Forum.

- Member-exclusive resources
- Networking opportunities
- Educational programs
- Subscriptions to CAP journals and publications

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